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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of:

Yoshiki Kano

Application No.: 10/812,537

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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR  
MULTISTAGE VOLUME LOCKING

Customer No.: 20350

Confirmation No.: 3431

Examiner: Kevin L. Ellis

Technology Center/Art Unit: 2188

AMENDMENT

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed December 27, 2005, please enter the following amendments and remarks:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.